

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Indonesia

a. Egged on by the Soviets, Sukarno appears determined to keep the Borneo pot simmering.

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b. On Saturday, he ordered that border incursions by the British "or others" be resisted by force and told his service chiefs he has a "guarantee" of Soviet support should there be a clash. [REDACTED]

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c. The week before [REDACTED] Indonesian army commander Jani told his staff he had alerted the ground forces on Borneo and was sending commando reinforcements. [REDACTED]

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2. Laos

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3. Togo

a. The coup leaders say they are ready to step aside for civil rule. Their final choice for head of a new government apparently remains former Prime Minister Grunitsky, who returned from Dahomey yesterday-- after first turning them down.

b. Grunitsky (German father, African mother) is conservative and, as premier (1956-1958), favored close ties with the French. He is probably being backed from Dahomey.

c. He is not yet a safe bet, with Nkrumah presumably still supporting Meatchi, Grunitsky's former agriculture minister just back from exile in Ghana.

4. Yemen

a. Vice President Baydani [] hold on his job is none too sure, [] the hostile currents surrounding President Salal are increasing in strength [] the sectarian frictions among the Yemenis are growing.

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5. Syria

a. The regime has survived another coup attempt.

b. On Sunday night a group of conservative army officers tried a coup but failed for lack of support from their own garrisons.

c. We think their move was unrelated to the recent violent demonstrations, but they may have tried to take advantage of the unrest.

6. Cuba

a. Shipping tabulations show that calls by non-bloc vessels continued to drop off after the quarantine. (Pre-quarantine--76 monthly average; October--60; November--34; December--21.)

b. On Sunday Cuba's Communist newspaper Hoy editorialized another plea for bloc unity (akin to Castro's plea two weeks ago), a piece of fence-straddling which will not be pleasing to Moscow.

c. Nonetheless, we continue to see signs that the USSR is bending every effort to keep the regime going.

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d. Those inflammatory Havana broadcasts continue; targets last week were Venezuela and Peru.

e. [redacted] what may, however, become Castro's most effective subversive means--training of many young Latin Americans for action in their own "national revolutions."

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7. Congo

a. We have so far seen no reaction from Leopoldville to Tshombe's messages of yesterday.

b. U Thant and Bunche are anxious to make the most of the opportunity, but would prefer to have some troops in Kolwezi before dickering further with Tshombe.

c. Spaak considers the development a breakthrough. It could be.

d. As recently as Friday, however, Tshombe appeared to be thinking of a long period of resistance.

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g. The Portuguese meanwhile, fearing new rebel attacks on Angola from Katanga, are taking urgent military measures to secure the border.

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NOTES

- A. Burundi Belgium may cut off its aid to Burundi if Burundi goes ahead with today's scheduled execution of five men convicted for the assassination of the prime minister and King's son in late 1961. It is not yet clear where the little country would then turn for help--East or West.

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- D. Indonesia We think the Soviets have shipped four of their KOMAR guided-missile patrol boats to Indonesia within the last two weeks; the Indonesians are to receive a total of twelve by the end of the year. Thus far, aside from full members of the Bloc, Cuba, and the UAR are the only other countries to receive these craft.

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